

## **VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

DATE: April 24, 2013

**Present:** Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Al Bauman, Gary Peske, Emil Bakka, Michael Schaars, Laura Magstadt, Phillip Epping, Dan Paretsky and Randy Samuelson.

**Also Present:** Michael Orlowski (student), Mary Platner, Gina Egan, Laurel Dreger, Wendy Budde, Amy Springer, Brian Jorata, Tim Price, Shane Sanderson and Chris Harmann.

**Absent/Excused:** Becky DeMuth, and Julie Balocca.

### **1. Call to Order:**

- Chairman Erv Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 10:00 a.m. on April 24, 2013 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

### **2. Approve Agenda:**

- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Bakka to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.

### **3. Approve Meeting Minutes:**

- **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske to approve minutes of March 27, 2013 meeting. Carried.

\*Phil Epping arrives at 10:05 am

### **5. Pool Inspection Presentation – Shane Sanderson:**

- Shane Sanderson is a Pool Inspector for the State of Wisconsin. He gives the committee a presentation emphasizing the importance of educating pool operators in the proper techniques for testing pool water. Vilas County currently has 31 pool basins at 19 facilities.
- Brian Jorata provides several handouts regarding the number of inspections and violations found, pool codes and a letter from the pool operator at the Whitetail Lodge stressing the importance of being a Certified Pool Operator.
- Chris Harmann speaks to the committee. He is the pool operator for the White Eagle Lodge. He has been a Certified Pool Operator for 8 years. He stresses the importance of having a CPO at each facility that houses a pool.
- Amy Springer and Brian Jorata currently inspect pools once a year. They would like the facilities to be educated in the correct ways to test the water and maintain the proper levels of chemicals to safely maintain the pools. There are courses available around the state to become a Certified Pool Operator. These classes are taught by private contractors. The cost is approximately \$180.00 for a 2 day class. The certification is good for 5 years. The current Vilas County pool ordinance would have to be amended to include language, that a Certified Pool Operator be present at each facility. Discussion and questions.
- This should be placed on a future agenda as more information is available.

**6. “Kids Don’t Float” – DNR Warden Tim Price:**

- Tim Price talks to the committee about a project that the DNR started in Vilas County in 2012. Kiosks would be placed at boat landings in Vilas County with life jackets available for use by the public. Two wooden kiosks were built by the Northland Pines High School building trades class. Signs and life jackets were purchased by the DNR. There are 36 jackets at each kiosk (all sizes). People are urged to borrow a life jacket if needed and return when they are finished. There are hooks to hang the wet jackets on and a wooden bin to house the dry jackets. The DNR has partnered with the City of Eagle River to place a kiosk at the T-docks on Yellow Birch Lake. They have also partnered with the Vilas County Forestry Dept. to place a kiosk at Eagle Lake boat landing. The partners will put the jackets out in the spring and remove them in the fall. They will also be responsible for routine maintenance.
- The Phelps High School building trades class is constructing a kiosk which will be placed at North Twin Lake.
- The cost of the jackets was \$9.00 each, materials cost approximately \$350.00 and signs cost \$300.00.

**4. Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:**

- Kelley to attend Seal A Smile Conference in Stevens Point May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Kelley and Gina to attend WPHA/WALHDAB Conference in Wisconsin Dells on May 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Laurel and Lori to attend Living Well with Chronic Disease training in Mishicott on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Note: This training has been rescheduled to September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> in Waukesha.
- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Bakka to approve trainings as presented. Carried.

**7. Budget Amendment Resolution:**

- **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Bauman to approve resolution as presented and forward to County Board. Carried.

**8. Humane Officer Report:**

- Report submitted by Candy Grambow, Vilas County Humane Officer and read by Gina Egan.
- Grambow received and investigated a complaint of animal neglect involving 13 cats and a dog which were left unattended at a residence by the owners. There were several feces filled litter boxes and filthy living conditions. A friend had been stopping occasionally to feed and water the animals. Several animals were caught and removed from the residence. Charges may be pending.
- Grambow cited the owners of 6 horses. The horses were voluntarily surrendered and taken to St. Francis Horse and Retirement Farm in Rosholt where they would be adopted out.

**9. Animal Control Subcommittee Appointments:**

- Per Erv, Mary Reuland and Cheri Klopp will be removed from the subcommittee and replaced by Gay Ketterer and Ed Evert.

- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve these changes to the committee members. Carried.

**10. Performance Management Training:**

- Jeff Russell from Russell Consulting sent an overview of the training to be held at the Wild Eagle Lodge on 6/13/13 and 6/14/13, in conjunction with Langlade County. Public Health Preparedness Grant will pay for the cost of this training.

**11. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):**

- **Motion** by Peske, second by Magstadt to forward to County Board. Carried.

**12. Annual Report:**

- **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske to forward to County Board. Carried.

**13. Legislative Update:**

- Affordable Health Care Act handout distributed. Discussion.

**14. Director's Report:**

- Students from Oshkosh will be coming in May. We will have 5 students in our office all summer to perform lodging inspections.
- License renewals will be mailed out in May.
- We were involved in a Preparedness exercise last Monday with the collaborative group.
- We are anticipating budget shortages in some lines.
- Lori and Pam gave a presentation to MOPS group on lymes and tick borne diseases.
- The staff participated in a CPR certification through Nicolet College.

**15. Paid Bills Report:**

- In the future the committee will be presented with an Expenditure and Revenue Report at the monthly meeting.

**16. Letters and Communications:**

- It was requested to add an agenda item to the May meeting; Recovering Costs from Animal Control.
- Thank you card was received from a Northland Pines 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

**17. Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2 and 3**

**20. Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Minutes reflect notations of the recorder, Wendy Budde, and are subject to approval by this Board.